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RE: Montana Noxious Weed List Administrative Rule Proposal

The department is proposing to amend the administrative rules associated with the Montana Noxious Weed List. The amendments include modifying the Noxious Weed Priority 1A Category statement, changing the listing of Dyer's woad from a Priority 1B to a Priority 1A noxious weed, and changing the Priority for 1B aquatic noxious weeds to 2B.

The proposed rule may be found on the Montana Secretary of State website under Administrative Rules of Montana, Montana Administrative Register <http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ShowNoticeFile.asp?TID=5172>. A public hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2013 at 1:00 pm in Room 225 of the Scott Hart Building (Department of Agriculture conference room) in Helena, MT. Public comment will be accepted through 5:00 pm on December 12, 2013 and may be sent to 302 North Roberts, Helena, MT 59620-0201 or agr@mt.gov or faxed to 406-444-5409. We will evaluate and incorporate your comments as appropriate. If this results in substantial changes to the proposed administrative rule, the proposed rule may be re-noticed for consideration.

If you wish to discuss the proposed rules or have any questions on the proposed new rules, please contact the department at (406) 444-3144 or by e-mail at agr@mt.gov, no later than 5 pm on December 12th.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this issue.